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SUBJ: NORWAY CONSIDERS RECOGNITION OF NEW SOUTH VIETNAM REGIME

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1. NORWAY HAS MOVED TO KEEP SUFFICIENTLY IN STEP WITH SWEDEN IN CONNECTION WITH RECOGNITION OF PRG TO MINIMIZE PROBLEMS WITH ITS LEFTIST CRITICS WHILE AVOIDING BLATANT APPEARANCE OF INDECENT HASTE.

2. IN STATEMENT EARLIER TODAY (APRIL 30) PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI EXPRESSED RELIEF THAT 30- YEAR WAR HAD ENDED. HE REFERRED TO THE SUFFERING IT HAD INFLICTED ON ALL PEOPLES IN VIETNAM AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE SITUATION WOULD GRADUALLY STABILIZE TO PERMIT THE COUNTRY TO FOCUS ON RECOVERY. HE PLEDGED THAT NORWAY WOULD CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY FOR HUMANITARIAN AND RECONSTRUCTION PURPOSES, AND AFFIRMED THAT IT WAS AN INTERNATIONAL TASK AND RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE RELIEF.

3. IN PARLIAMENT (STARTING) TODAY, COMMUNIST LEADER LARSEN ASKED FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND WHETHER NORWAY INTENDS TO RECOGNIZE  
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PRG AND BREAK RELATIONS WITH SAIGON. IN TYPICALLY CAREFULLY WORDED

STATEMENT, FRYDENLUND SAID HIS GOVERNMENT AIMED AT ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT WHICH NOW HAS CONTROL OVER THE WHOLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM, AND WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES IN THIS CONNECTION. HE EXPLAINED THAT THIS POSITION REFLECTED NORWAY'S POLICY ON RECOGNITION WHICH DEPENDS ON WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT IN QUESTION HAS DURABLE CONTROL OVER THE TERRITORY. IMPLYING SOME REASON FOR NOT RUSHING IN, FRYDENLUND NOTED THAT THE PRG IS EXPECTED TO ISSUE A DECLARATION TODAY ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION AND THE QUESTION OF GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM. FONMIN DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS VIBE TOLD DCM THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO RECENT CONTACTS BETWEEN PRG AND NORWEGIANS ON QUESTION OF RECOGNITION.

4. WITH REFERENCE TO SAIGON GOVERNMENT, FRYDENLUND SAID THAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE CHARGE HAD INFORMED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TODAY THAT HIS MISSION HAD CEASED TO FUNCTION.  
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